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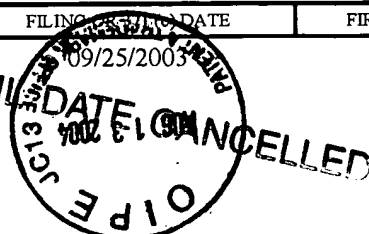


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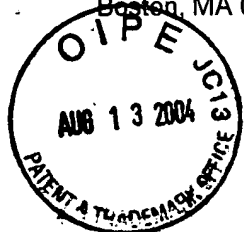
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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) (see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1)). See Figure(s) 6,7.

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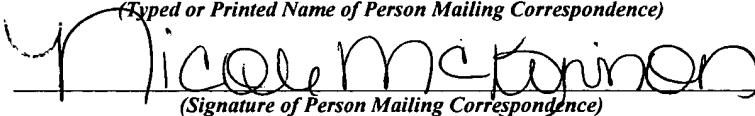
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, a copy of which is attached, Applicant submits the attached formal drawings.

- (a) the formal drawing(s) (Figs. 1- 11) for this application.  
Number of Sheets [11]

[ ] Each sheet of drawing indicates the identifying indicia suggested in section 1.84(c) on the reverse side of the drawing; and

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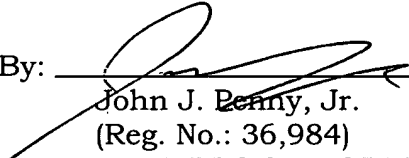
- (b) Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time;
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